

March 26, 2018

As final preparations are coming together for one of the longest running fundraisers that Woodstock Christian School hosts (has been running for over 50 years!!), we are in awe of the small army that is coming together to celebrate this community and raise funds for a cause that we are passionate about – being a light in the community and providing quality Christian education for our children. Whether it is the teachers offering their Saturday to cook pancakes, farmers donating extra to provide a building, parents coming together volunteering with the Kidzone or Kitchen, alumni donating items for the silent auction, and vendors coming to display their goods, we are in awe. We are proud to be a part of this body. It reminds us of 1 Corinthians 12:12 – *“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”*

It is our hope that you will come and experience this event, whether by coming as a family and experiencing all there is to be had, or by giving of your talents in whatever way you can; we are excited to have you. Our experience whenever we have given of our time and efforts to a great cause, we have ended up receiving immeasurably more than given.

Blessed to be a part of this community,
Pauline Markus and Heather DeBoer
Springfest Committee Co-Chairs



Tuesday- Jocelyn S., Gr. 1A
Cody G., Gr. 5
Wednesday- Abigail V., Gr. 5
Mrs. Body, EA
Saturday- Lauren S., 2B
Aron N., 2B

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Requests:

Please continue to pray for our children, for our community and needs for health and wellbeing. We have many reasons for praise and gratitude, but also reasons for concern. This week, please pray for Neel in grade 1. He is having abdominal surgery today and will be away from school for several weeks. Also include his brother and parents in your prayers, that along with healing and good results for Neel, they too will experience God’s strength and love through our WCS family. Wishing all of our families blessings for worship and family time throughout the Easter weekend.

Springfest News: Our big event is only 13 days away! April 7 at the Oxford Auditorium. If this is your first year at WCS, it's our spring fundraiser held during the day. Teachers are making breakfast beginning at 8. Our awesome bus drivers will serve coffee in between breakfast and lunch. There is a GAMES area, Marketplace, and a Silent Auction. Please join us! We are so excited and hope you are too! **Please watch for the SPRINGFEST email and forward to your family and friends.**

Oliver Twist is coming to WCS! Rehearsals are ongoing both during and after school, the set is being designed and built, plans for gathering costumes and props are coming together. Make plans to come and see the production. Get ready to jump back in time to the streets of Old England! Did you know... The Poor Law (Amendment) Act of 1834 in Great Britain, otherwise known as the 'New' Poor Law, established the workhouse system. Charles Dickens was disgusted by Parliament. Before becoming a successful novelist, he had worked as parliamentary reporter. He had watched politicians at very close quarters, rapidly taking down their speeches word for word in shorthand notes, and then transcribing them for daily newspaper reports. He had listened carefully to many debates, and he was sickened by the attitudes MPs expressed towards their fellow human-beings. When Dickens planned and penned Oliver Twist, new legislation was just beginning to be implemented across the country. (*source: www.bl.uk*)

Special Assembly - April 5 @ 8:30 a.m. The VanWyk family will be sharing about their time in Africa. Come and hear how they experienced God in their lives and in those they met.

Easter Weekend This is the last week of Lent - Holy Week - in which we remember the events which led up to Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection, as promised and prophesied, on the third day. Please join us Thursday at 830am for our Good Friday/Easter Chapel. WCS will be closed on Friday March 30 and on Monday April 2nd.

Parent survey The Board of Directors, through the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS), has initiated the process of a routine performance review for the administration of Woodstock Christian School. It is much like the School Quality Survey that was done last year. In early April, parents will receive a letter and a link to the survey questions. The Board would appreciate a high participation rate as the survey takes place. If you have any questions about this process, please connect with Tim Bakker.

Hockey team update Our WCS hockey team had a great day at the tournament at the beginning of March. They returned with a banner for 2nd place! Thanks to coaches and assistant coaches for the time spent at practices and in the tournament.

Technology in the classroom Do you ever wonder how WCS is using technology in the classroom? What exactly is the Google classroom? What kinds of apps are we using and how do they make learning more accessible? Are students introduced to coding? At our WCS Community/Membership Meeting on May 3rd, we will be exploring this topic and demonstrating some of our programs and practices. Come join us!

Jump Rope for Heart WCS believes in kids helping other kids. That's why we're participating in Jump Rope for Heart and fundraising to support Heart & Stroke this spring. Your donation will go towards life-saving research and education that gives our kids the best start to a healthy, happy life. Kick-off assembly for Jump Rope will be April 18th. Stay tuned!

Jr. Basketball: Our season has just begun. I, along with the grade 8 coaches, are very excited to see the grade 5 and 6 students develop their skills as they work towards the tournament in mid-April. If you have questions regarding our Jr. Basketball season, please direct them towards Mrs. Schuster.

Badminton: Practices continue this week after school. Students have been assigned either Tuesday or Wednesday to attend an after school practice. Please check with your child which one they are required to attend. Students are to be picked up at 4:45.

Grass Cutting

This is the time of year when the Property and Building Committee is looking to tender a bid for grass cutting. If you are interested, please email g.hiemstra@woodstockchristian.ca for more information.

Chicken Order:

Thank you to those of you who continue to support WCS through chicken sales. To date this school year, you have helped us raise \$2145.00 in 3 orders alone for our school! You will find the order form attached to today's parent link email. Please return your order forms to the school, accompanied with payment, no later than next Tuesday, April 3rd. Orders without payment will not be placed. Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, April 19th, between 3 and 4 pm. Please make arrangements to have your orders picked up during that time frame. Please keep in mind that the school no longer has a large deep freezer so it is very important to make arrangements to have your orders picked up. Please note that we will not be responsible for orders that are not picked up without prior arrangements. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sol at 519-539-7839 or jmsol@rogers.com.

Junior Kindergarten: We are focussing this week on the Easter Story, and reminding ourselves that Jesus died and rose again for all of us.
Watch for our April calendar to come home later this week.
Wednesday - Library

Senior Kindergarten: Welcome to a new Spring week. This week we will be focusing on the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Encourage your child to sing the songs that we are learning at school. Watch for books coming home that your child has been reading. Also, continue working on the writing books.
We are planning on a class trip in April. Watch for the form coming home later this week
For show and share this week, bring something about Good Friday or Easter. Have a great weekend celebrating the death and Resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus!
Wednesday - Library
Thursday - Show and Share about Good Friday or Easter.
Monday - No school (Easter Monday)

Grade 1A: Welcome to Passion Week - the week of Christ's journey to the cross. We invite you to join us as we lead our community in a time of reflection Thursday morning. This week we celebrate Jocelyn's birthday! We hope and pray that you have an amazing day and that God will continue to bless and keep you in the year ahead. We also are praying for Neel and his family as he goes in for surgery today.
Monday - See VIP folder
Tuesday - Reading folders
- Library
Thursday - Easter Chapel 8:30am
- Spelling Test
Friday - Good Friday
Monday - Good Monday

Grade 1B/2B: Welcome to another 4-day week. We have been creating an Easter wreath during our morning devotions to help us retell the Easter story. The students are looking forward to sharing it with you at the end of the week when we take them home. We will be sharing our Memory Work on Wednesday – keep practicing! Check your emails for an update on what is going on in our classroom this week.
Tuesday – Gym
- Library
Wednesday – Show&Share: Luke & Aleeya
- Memory Work Due
Thursday – Easter Chapel
- Spelling Quiz
Friday – Good Friday – No School

Grade 2A: I hope you are all enjoying your spring sunshine and that you can continue to enjoy it this weekend for Easter as you celebrate God's gift of grace to us! This week we will continue to learn about this grace through our Bible lessons about Jesus' last week here on Earth. In math,

we will continue to learn about double digit subtraction and making trades. In Creation Studies we have just begun to learn about how our roles and responsibilities change. You are welcome to come and join us for Easter Chapel on Thursday.
Monday - Gym
Tuesday - Library
Wednesday - Gym
Thursday - Easter Chapel @8:30am
- Spelling Test

Grade 3: Welcome to a new week. We will review the Measurement Unit in Math this week. (calendar, time, thermometer, money, change, capacity, mass) Math text books will be sent home on Thursday to review for the test next Wednesday. Return textbook on test day.
Mon. - Phys. Ed.
Wed. - Library and Phys. Ed.
Thurs. - Easter Chapel (8:30am)
- Mem. Work - John 6:32-33
- Spelling Test - List 22

Grade 4: Welcome back to learning grade 4! It is the last week of March already. How time flies! This week we will remember the suffering and death of our Lord but also his victory over death! What love our Father has for us!

Monday	Lydia Music
Tuesday	Matthew Bible test - King David Library - remember your books Phys. Ed.
Wednesday	Megan Music - remember your recorders
Thursday	Patrick Spelling test Memory work - 1 Corinthians 13: 8-11 Good Friday/ Easter Chapel
Friday	Good Friday - no school
Monday	Easter Monday - no school
Tuesday	Tiffany Library

Grade 5: Welcome to a new week of school! We have another 4 day week due to the Easter weekend approaching. Swimming lessons are now finished. Here's our week at a glance in terms of homework:

Mon - Final swimming lesson.
Tue - Music: bring recorder. Phys Ed: bring gym clothes.
Math quiz based on Jump Math pages 180-189.
Thur - Music: bring recorder. Phys Ed: bring gym clothes.
Memory work: 1 Corinthians 16:13.
Spelling Workbook, L. 27 + Test.
Fri - No school (Good Friday)
Mon - No School (Easter Monday)

Grade 6: Please ensure you have returned the signed report card envelope. This week Thursday the Good Friday/ Easter assembly will be led by some members of Grade 6 and Grade 1. If you are participating, please ensure you have practiced your readings at home. Students are asked to make Bizarre bottles for the SpringFest Bazaar.

Tuesday: Science presentations continued:
energy source
Thursday: Spelling: Unit 25
Math Quiz
Science Presentations continued

Grade 7: We have someone that is coming in to bbq hamburgers for our Canadian foods community lunch. It is rescheduled for Wednesday April 4th. Thank you for your food contributions.

Mon: Math Test Chapter 6
Tues: Mrs. Westerveld is teaching grade 7,
-Senior Battle of the Books
Wed: -Geography quiz:
Identify and describe 6 world biomes
Thurs: Easter Chapel, March reading assignment due

Grade 8: Welcome to a new week! As we enter in to Easter weekend, I pray that everyone will be able to draw close to the cross of Jesus and experience His love for all of us. A reminder to Grade 8 parents that the VanStraten orders will be available for pick-up on Thursday afternoon at dismissal.

Tuesday – Phys. Ed. (Bring gym clothes)
-Music (Bring Instruments)
-Grad Photo orders are due
(either online or back at school)
Wednesday – Math Quiz
(Lessons 75-77, 79-81 in Workbook 2)
Thursday – Phys. Ed. (Bring gym clothes)
-Music (Bring Instruments)
-Memory Work (Galatians 5:13-15)
-March Book Reports Due
-VanStraten Order Pick Up (Dismissal)
Friday – No School (Good Friday)
Monday – No School (Easter Monday)

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

March	20	Board Meeting
	22	Pizza Day
	27	Battle of the Books
	29	Easter Chapel (8:30am)
	30	Good Friday (no school)
April	2	Easter Monday (no school)
	3	K is for Kindergarten
	4	Prayer Group (8:30am)
	5	Sub Day
	7	SpringFest

SONG OF THE MONTH: By Faith

By faith I pray, by faith I praise,
by faith I obey and walk in God’s ways
By faith I love, by faith I come
By faith I will trust in the name of Jesus.
By faith I believe in things I cannot see
By faith I cling to the hope that Jesus gives me
By faith I say there’s a miracle around the bend
So I set my face against the wind, and live by faith

Repeat

I live by faith in the son of God who loves me
and gave his life for me

By faith I believe in things I cannot see
By faith I cling to the hope that Jesus gives me
By faith I say there’s a miracle around the bend
So I set my face against the wind,
and learn once again to live by faith

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